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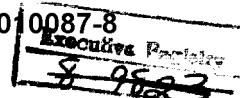
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

PARTICIPANTS: Chairman Carl Vinson, House Armed Services Committee, Chief Counsel Robert Smart, Allen W. Dulles and Norman S. Paul

1. The Director visited Chairman Vinson in his office this morning, for the purpose of discussing Agency problems and actions with respect to the 85th Congress.

2. The first topic of discussion was the revived proposals for a Joint Committee on Intelligence matters. The Director indicated that thirteen Resolutions to that effect had been introduced in the first two days of the Congress, and Chairman Vinson indicated that he felt an active campaign was required in order to see to it that none of them passed. He restated his absolute opposition to the setting up of a Joint Committee, and indicated that he planned to take two immediate steps to help ward it off.

3. The first step, which obviously serves a broader purpose, is the re-establishment of an Armed Services Subcommittee to deal with CIA matters. The Chairman at first discussed the possibility of spreading the membership among junior as well as senior members of the full committee, and even discussed the possibility of making Representative Philbin chairman, instead of himself. The Director urged Mr. Vinson not to relinquish the chairmanship of the CIA Subcommittee, and Mr. Smart agreed and further urged the Chairman to maintain his past practice of appointing only the senior committee members to the CIA Subcommittee. The Chairman accepted both views, and indicated the committee would consist of himself, as Chairman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Kilday, Mr. Arends and Mr. Cole.

4. The Chairman also indicated that he wanted to send strong letters in opposition to the Joint Committee Resolutions to the following persons: Speaker Rayburn, Joe Martin and John McCormack. He plans to send similar letters to Chairman Smith and several members of the House Rules Committee (Colmer, Trimble, Thornberry, Allen and Clarence Brown). It was agreed that I would work with Mr. Smart on the drafting of these letters. Apart from his own contacts the

Chairman advised that we contact Leo Allen, ranking Republican on the Rules Committee, Clarence Brown, and any others on the Republican or Democratic side who might be useful, including possibly the Speaker. Apart from his letters, Mr. Vinson plans to request an opportunity to testify before the Rules Committee in opposition to the Resolutions in case they are ever considered by the Committee.

5. The next item discussed was the CIA building. The Director confirmed our intention to go ahead at the Langley site. He indicated that work had already started on the roads and that we hoped to have a building contract before too long. The Director stated that he was satisfied with the authority he possessed regarding the construction of the building, and indicated that he had now established cooperative working relations with GSA. The problem of additional funding was discussed, and Mr. Vinson stated his opinion that if CIA needed another \$10,000,000 to build an adequate building we should have it. The Director did not indicate that a final decision had been made to request the additional fund, but was grateful to have the Chairman's opinion on the subject. In the course of the building discussion, the Director was asked how many people were now working for the Agency. The Director [redacted] The Chairman said that was enough.

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6. The Director referred to the legislative proposals which we plan to forward relative to benefits for our career and overseas employees. The Chairman indicated that if we now had the authority, "even by stretching the law to the limit," to do the things proposed, he felt we should go ahead rather than seek new legislation. The Director indicated that he believed we could in fact do most of the things proposed under our current authorities, and indicated that we would review this whole problem before we made any specific proposals for new legislation. He agreed with the Chairman that we should keep our requests for additional legislation down to an absolute minimum.

7. The Director gave the Chairman the over-all budget figures for FY 57 and 58, as contained on the sheet in his briefing book. He [redacted]

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8. The Director touched very briefly on the intelligence performance in the Near East and Hungarian crisis, indicating that he was satisfied that the performance of the intelligence community was good in both of these affairs, even though they did not and could not have predicted the exact timing of the Hungarian blowup.

9. The Director described the executive pay raises which he had put into effect following the passage of the Executive Pay Bill, and the Chairman agreed that they were fully justified.

10. A meeting is to be held of the CIA Subcommittee on Wednesday, 16 January at 10:00 A.M. Although the Chairman understands that we are not fully ready with our budget presentation and building cost estimate, he felt that he wanted to have a meeting as soon as possible in order to be able to assure Judge Smith and others that he had not only created a subcommittee but that it had already had its first session.



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